

**Purchasing Office
CITY OF AUSTIN**

AGENDA # 43
DATE: 4/20/2006

**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with MILLER UNIFORMS and EMBLEMS, INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of fire retardant uniform shirts and trousers in an amount not to exceed \$182,530, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$182,530 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$547,590.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$76,054 is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining seven months of the original contract period and the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Requesting Department:

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Buyer II/974-2035

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid meeting specification of three bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified, therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of light blue fire retardant uniform shirts and trousers to be worn by fire fighting personnel. The uniforms are made of a fire retardant material and are designed to protect the fire fighter from heat and flame during fire fighting operations. Fire fighting personnel will wear these uniforms while on duty at the fire stations and during fire suppression operations. This contract will provide new uniforms to the cadets, and for replacement of soiled or damaged uniforms on an as-needed basis.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 2/2 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-three notices were sent, including two MBEs and two WBEs. Six solicitations were issued, including no MBEs/WBEs. Three bids were received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 15% increase to the last contract award made in October 2002. This increase to the increase of health insurance for manufacturer's employees and the increase in fuel for transportation.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bidder meeting specifications.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Finance and Administrative Services Department, Materials Management Division and the Austin Fire Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.

BID TABULATION
Fire Retardant Uniform Shirts and Trousers
IFB No. SC06100023

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price of 63 line items</u>
Lion Apparel DeSoto, Texas	\$162,170.30*
Miller Uniforms & Emblems, Inc. Austin, Texas	\$182,529.98
Superior Uniform Group Seminole, Florida	\$261,684.18

***Vendor could not meet delivery as required by the solicitation.**

Bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office.